(d) Due to technical and operational constraints, it is not feasible at present to commence full-fledged international operations through Bangalore airport. However, national carriers are permitted to operate limited international service! Irom any airport, including Bangalore.

Proposal for Development of Sea Benches in the Country

372. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to beautify the sea benches in the country in order to attract a large number of touris!;

(b) whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) thg amouni spent on such work during last three years in Orissa and other coastal States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Department of Tourism in. conjuration with the State Governments and Union Territories have identified the oosstal areas of Sindhudurg Distt. in Maharashtra, Bekal beach in Kelala, Mutfakadu-Mamarapuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri-Konark: in Orissa and Diu in Union Territory of Daman & Diu for integrated development of tourism. Dtirire the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94. an amount of Rs. 544 74 lakhs have been sanctioned on the deevlopment *of* sea beaches in the country.

PrivaOjntion of Airports

373. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the MINISTER of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be Pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to i 'tivat'se some airports in the 3 country;

(b) if so, the Airports identified therefor;

(c) the time schedule fixed for the privatisation of those Airports; and

(d) the situation that led to the privat isation of those Airports?

THE MINISTER Of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial group was cons-itu.ed to identify the areas in development of airports which can be dercserved for public participation. The Ri'oup has submitted its report. The Government will take a decision on the report in due course.

Setting up of New Airports in Joint Sector

374. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Airports in the country in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the number of Airports proposed to IK set up in the country in the joint sector during the Eighth and Ninth plan period; and

(c) the places identified for the loca tion of these Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRl GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and. (c) Does not arise.

Non-Adherence of Guidelines by Air Taxi Operators

375. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines given to the private Air Taxi operators by the Director Genera! Civil Aviation;